SIXTH DAY.—*Saturday, 7th October 1933.*

The House re-assembled at 12 NOON.

Before the commencement of the proceedings, the DEWAN made the following reference to the demise of Mr. K. H. Ramayya, Registrar of Co-operative Societies :—

"Gentlemen,

Before we begin the proceedings of the day, it is my most melancholy duty to voice, on behalf of you all, our feelings of sorrow at the passing away of a most popular figure in the State. The sad and sudden death of Mr. K. H. Ramayya has left a gap in the public life of the State which it is impossible to fill. By his death, the Government have lost a most loyal officer and the public a most popular citizen, who identified himself with every good cause in the country and who enjoyed the confidence of all sects and communities. Like many others I have lost in him a very sincere friend and I shall long mourn his loss.

"I take it that it is the desire of the House that an expression of their deep sympathy should be conveyed to the deceased officer's family in their sorrow."

MR. HOSAKOPPA KRISHNA RAO said that Mr. K. H. Ramayya was a personality whom nobody could afford to forget. Though an officer of Government, he was a people's man and a special friend of the poor raiyats. The eloquent and forceful speeches of Mr. Ramayya were still ringing in his ears. Many were the occasions when he had made such speeches in the Assembly. The member particularly recalled the speech made by the deceased officer in the course of discussions at the last session of the Assembly on the Co-operative Societies Regulation. When the clause relating to the enhancement of the powers of the Registrar was opposed by some members, he asked "To whom do you give that power? Is it not to me?" And he proceeded to assert "I can never allow the raiyats' interests to suffer." That statement at once disarmed all opposition. The gap created by the demise of such a powerful personality could not be filled up either in the Government or in the public life and the regret expressed by the Dewan was shared by members of each and every community in the State. The member also requested the President to communicate

the sincere condolences of the Assembly to the members of the bereaved family.

MR. HANUMANTHA RAJU, who associated himself with the sentiments expressed by the previous speaker, said that Mr. K. H. Ramayya had done good to many and if he had been spared for the full span of life, his help would have reached several others. He thought that it would be appropriate to perpetuate the memory of such a popular officer in some tangible way.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(*Concluded*).

MESSRS. B. P. BASAPPA SETTY and ALDUR RAMAPPA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk).—

*Q.—33.* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) When did the Sheristedari vacancy in the Chikmagalur Taluk Office occur?

(*b*) (1) How many applicants were there for the said post?

(2) Who are they?

(3) To what communities do they belong?

(4) What are the examinations they have passed? Have any of them been exempted from passing the tests required?

(5) What are the posts they are respectively holding and the salaries they are getting?

(*c*) Are there any Probationary or First Grade Revenue Inspectors among them? If so, who are they? To what communities do they belong?

(*d*) Who is the present Taluk Sheristedar? What was his previous salary and what is the salary he is now getting?

(*e*) Who is the appointing authority?

(*f*) Are there any instances of Probationary Inspectors having passed the required tests after being appointed as Taluk Sheristedars?

(*g*) Will the Government be pleased to place before this House the Government Order, if any directing that Probationary Revenue Inspectors should be given preference as far as possible whenever Taluk Sheristedari vacancies occur?